IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 7, 10, and 16.

Please amend claims 11 through 15 and 17 through 19 as follows:

1. (CANCELED)

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9. (CANCELED)

10. (CANCELED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve for a~~ fuel pump comprising:

an outlet member having a first passageway therethrough;

a valve housing ~~adapted to be~~ disposed in ~~an~~ said first passageway of said outlet member ~~of the fuel pump~~;

a valve seat formed on an interior surface of said valve housing;

a valve member disposed in said valve housing and having an end adjacent said valve seat with an annular groove having a generally circular cross-sectional shape extending radially into said end and including a seal disposed in said groove, said valve member having a closed position in which said seal engages said valve seat to prevent fuel from flowing through ~~the~~ said outlet member and an open position to allow fuel to flow through ~~the~~ said outlet member; ~~and~~

a spring disposed about said valve member and located axially between said valve seat and one end of said valve housing to urge said valve member toward said valve seat; and

said valve member having a single outlet port disposed below said groove and located axially between said valve seat and the one end of said valve housing when said valve member is in said closed position to prevent fuel flow and to allow fuel flow ~~from said valve member~~ when said valve member is in said open position.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim 11 wherein said valve housing has a second passageway extending axially therethrough to receive said valve member.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim 11 wherein said valve housing has an enlarged opening at one end of said second passageway.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim 11 wherein said valve member has a flow port extending axially into one end thereof.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim 14 wherein said outlet port extends radially through said valve member and communicates with said flow port.

16. (CANCELED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim ~~16~~ 11 wherein said spring comprises a coil spring.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~check valve~~ fuel pump as set forth in claim 11 wherein said seal is made of an elastomeric material.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fuel pump comprising:

a pump section at one axial end;

a motor section adjacent said pump section;

an outlet section adjacent said motor section at the other axial end, said outlet section including an outlet member having a passageway therethrough;

a valve housing disposed in said passageway of said outlet member;

a valve seat formed on an interior surface of said valve housing;

a valve member disposed in said valve housing and having an end adjacent said valve seat with an annular groove having a generally circular cross-sectional shape extending radially into said end and including a seal disposed in said groove;

said valve member having a flow port extending axially from an inlet into one end thereof;

a spring disposed about said valve member and located between said inlet and said valve seat to urge said valve member toward said valve seat in a closed position in which said seal engages said valve seat to prevent fuel from flowing through said outlet member; and

said valve member having a single outlet port extending diametrically therethrough and communicating with said flow port and located axially between said valve seat and one end of said valve housing when said valve member is in said closed position to prevent fuel flow and to allow fuel flow from said outlet port when said valve member is in an open position to allow fuel to flow through ~~the~~ said outlet member.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A fuel pump as set forth in claim 19 wherein said valve member has a flow port extending axially into one end thereof and said outlet port extends radially through said valve member and communicates with said flow port.